

**Listing of the Claims:**

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

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Claims 1, <sup>2</sup>3 and 4 (Canceled).

- 1        5 (New). A voice transceiver comprising:  
2                input means for receiving and temporarily storing compressed  
3        voice codes;  
4                voice decoder means connected to and triggered by said input  
5        means for expanding the compressed voice codes and generating  
6        digitalized digital voice data;  
7                selective disposal means receiving the generated digitalized digital  
8        voice data from the voice decoder means and responsive to a discard  
9        request for discarding the generated digitalized digital voice data when the  
10       discard request is present;  
11               speaker output buffer means for receiving and temporarily storing  
12       digitalized digital voice data passed by said selective disposal means;  
13               insertion/disposal control means connected to monitor data  
14       temporarily stored in said speaker output buffer means and, if an amount  
15       of data temporarily stored in said speaker output buffer means falls below  
16       a first threshold, outputting a dummy voice code to said input means, but if  
17       an amount of data temporarily stored in said speaker output buffer means  
18       rises above a second threshold, generating said discard request to said  
19       selective disposal means;  
20               digital-to-analog converter means for converting the generated  
21       digitalized digital voice data temporarily stored in said speaker output  
22       buffer means to an analog voice signal; and  
23               a speaker connected to receive said analog voice signal and  
24       generating an acoustical output.

1       6 (New). The voice transceiver according to claim 5, wherein when said  
2       dummy code is input to said input means, said voice decoder means  
3       outputs digitalized digital voice data in which the strength of said  
4       compressed voice code inputted immediately prior to said dummy signal is  
5       reduced.

1       7 (New). The voice transceiver according to claim 5 further comprising:  
2               microphone means for inputting an acoustical voice input;  
3               analog-to-digital conversion means for converting said voice input  
4       into converted digital voice data;  
5               microphone buffer means for receiving and temporarily storing said  
6       converted digital voice data;  
7               reference input signal buffer means for receiving and temporarily  
8       storing generated digitalized digital voice data passed by said selective  
9       disposal unit, said insertion/disposal control means being connected to said  
10      reference signal buffer means to thereby monitor data temporarily stored in  
11      said speaker output buffer means;  
12              echo component removal means responsive to said reference input  
13      buffer means for suppressing an echo component contained in said  
14      converted digital voice data; and  
15              voice encoder means connected to receive converted digital voice  
16      data from which an echo component has been suppressed from said echo  
17      component removal means for encoding and compressing an output voice  
18      code.

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